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STORY OF PICKENS

THE NEGRO OF YALE—THE FIRST OF THE RACE TO WIN THE TEN EYCK PRIZE.

THIS LEADER IN ORATORY

A Much Sought For Man at Present—His Early Life—Struggle for Education.

New Haven, Conn.—William Pickens, the first Negro to win the Ten Eyck prize in oratory at Yale, the highest honor of the junior class, is a very much sought after man just at present.

During his previous stay at Yale he went about without attracting any particular attention, but now whenever he makes his appearance on the campus, he is pointed out by the students as the orator of 1901, and the talked-of head of the island of Hayti. He has come into the latter distinction this last week.

An ambitious organization of colored men in the South has asked him to head a movement for the organization of an army to capture the island of Hayti and convert it into an empire to be controlled by American Negroes, under the protection of the United States Government. This invitation, following closely the letter from Grover Cleveland to Mr. Pickens, asking him for a copy of his prize essay, has caused the colored orator of Yale to be beseiged with requests for interviews and photographs.

Mr. Pickens was born twenty-two years ago in a country town in South Carolina. He was the oldest of seven brothers and sisters. In his struggle for money to pay for his education, he has peddled papers, run a ferryboat on the Mississippi, packed covers in a barrel stave factory, been a Sunday watchman in a mill, helped to build fifteen miles of the Choctaw railroad, taught a summer school, traveled as a ventriloquist and the leader of a glee club, waited on table and lectured with Booker T. Washington.

Early in 1887, when he was six years old, his family removed to Arkansas, into the farming district. It was the first time that he had ever seen mosquitoes. Between them and malaria, which attacked him as soon as he struck Arkansas, he spent three miserable years. Finally his family went to Little Rock.

He was then ten and had never been to school, except a few times before he left South Carolina. When he was sent to school, he went into the fourth grade. He could read and write, but had never heard of arithmetic.

OTHERS HAD TRAINING.

The other pupils had had three years' training in school, but before the third month was over, he was at the head of his class. At the end of the year he was caught in some mischief one day by the head master, who was very strict.

"Pickens," said he, "come up in front

Then as the scared boy faced the school, the master took hold of his arm and turning him about, said in thunderous tones:

"Look at this boy. He came to school when the term was almost over. Now look at him. He is at the head of his class. Pickens, go to your seat and behave yourself."

In January, 1894, his mother died, and Pickens thought that his school days were over. His mother had helped him to buy his books and had encouraged him in his studies.

During his three years in school he had never missed a day, or been tardy. Once his mother wanted him to help her to house-clean and spoke about keeping him at home from school. He was so heartbroken at the thought that she yielded, and he didn't clean house.

Between his grief over losing his mother and his regret at having to stay out of school to attend the funeral, Pickens thought at the time that he would certainly die. His father then told him that he could keep on attending school, but he would have to pay his own expenses.

BEGAN CIGARETTES.

About this time he began to smoke cigarettes. Then he read in his physiology at school of the injurious effects of tobacco and liquors, and, thoroughly scared, he quit at once. He even stopped all tea and coffee drinking, and in speaking of it to-day he said:

"I never got over that first impression of the physiology. After that I learned my physiology lessons, chapter by chapter, by heart. When I used to go out to Christmas parties, the older people would urge me to have something to drink, and when I always refused they would say, 'Poor little chap; he's from the country; he don't know any better.' "

In the summer when he was fifteen, he worked on a ferry boat and saved $30. This was not enough to pay his tuition in the high school, for which he was ready.

When the time came for school to open, he went into the city where the high school was situated and hired a room and entered the school as a resident of the city. At the end of a week he had to go back home, but he still kept on in the school, as a resident of the city and walked every day to school.

The following summer he was in despair as to how he was to earn his money for the coming year. A new free bridge had been built across the river and the ferry was discontinued.

"I went down to the stave factory," said Pickens, "and asked for a job. I got it at $4 a week piling up barrel tops. I would pile them up in a circle and then get inside and a man would throw them to me to catch.

HE WAS HARD-HEARTED.

"The man I worked with was a hard-hearted fellow, who delighted in tormenting something or somebody. He tried all that summer to maim me in some way, but after once getting caught, I was on my guard. He didn't dislike me on account of my color, only he liked to pester somebody.

"He used to get me to write letters for him nights, and all day long he would watch for an opportunity to surprise me. That summer taught me more in the way of carefulness and watchfulness than all the school training I ever received. But I was glad when, on the first of September, I got my $30."

The following summer he acted as a watchman for an insurance company at one of the big mills. He had just finished at school Scott's "Lady of the Lake," and his imagination took a poetical turn. He would spend his Sundays in the summer at the mill writing poetry on bits of single out in the yard, and sometimes in the winter on the company's paper, in the office inside.

These early bits of literature have been preserved by the instructor in literature in the high school, to whom he used to read his work. In June, 1899, he was graduated from the high school as valedictorian of his class of eighteen.

Finances were low when Pickens finished school, and his father had gone up into the wilderness to help build the Choctaw railroad. The boy was taken ill and for a month he was in bed. Then he started to find his father and located him twenty miles up the river, where he had to make his way in a canoe.

He got work there and saved $50 for his college expenses. During the summer he wrote to President Andrews of Talladega College, Alabama, that he wanted to enter there in the fall. He got a reply telling him to save what he could and President Andrews would write him again.

SLIPPED HIS MIND.

The matter evidently slipped the president's mind for Pickens didn't hear from him again. On the day before college was to open he bought himself a new overcoat and then a ticket to Talladega, which cost him $15. Twenty-four hours later he presented himself to President Andrews and handed him $30, and said that was all he had but that he wanted as much education as it would buy. The president was so taken back that he had to tell the students of it when they assembled in chapel the next morning.

When Pickens was called up for examination Latin was the first subject that the professors proposed to try him on. After asking him how much he had read, the instructor opened the book and told him to read on.

It was "Cæser's Commentaries," and Pickens knew it by heart. He went straight ahead till the examiner told him to halt; that would do. Then he tried him on other Latin, and then he turned to other members of the board of examiners and said:

"We'd better put this boy in the sophomore class."

During his three years at Talladega, he took all the prizes offered and stood at the head of his class.

The first summer he was at Talladega, he earned $40 by teaching a summer normal school. The second year he traveled with a club from the school soliciting funds for the college. In his travels he came to New Haven, and then and there determined to study at Yale, if he could get the cash. About this time Booker T. Washington became interested in him and invited Pickens to speak with him on several occasions. He was graduated last year at Talladega, and from there he went to Chicago to work in a mill. Late in September, he landed in New Haven with a trunkful of books and $20 in cash.

SENT HIM A CHECK.

D. Stewart Dodge, of New York, a cousin of the Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, secretary to the Yale corporation, sent him a check early in the fall and again at Christmas time. Friends in the city got him employment in a restaurant for three hours a day, so that he was enabled to keep on with his work here. He was invited to give dialect readings at private entertainments, and in this way he has earned quite a little sum of money.

During the fall term he lived in a boarding block in the city, but after Christmas arrangements were made so that he could come to the campus. He rooms now in White Hall.

In speaking of his Yale experience he said to-day:

"I was very anxious to come to Yale, but I knew that it would cost me more than I could raise. Finally, after talking with Mr. Washington, I thought I would make a try for it.

"After reaching here I was fortunate in getting a place in a restaurant, where by working three hours a day, I could earn my bread. Mr. Dodge helped me considerably with my tuition, and I managed to get on for the first term.

"I earned considerable outside, but it all took time from my studies. Just after Christmas I was studying the catalogue, and I read of the Ten Eyck prize and the subjects of the essays.

'Most of the men had their essays partly written by that time, but I thought I would read up on Hayti. I got so interested in my subject that I couldn't sleep one night, and I got up at 2 o'clock in the morning and wrote my essay before church.

"It was the Sunday before the essays were to be handed in. I didn't change the essay much, but handed it in as I had written it. The rest is an old story, as much of a surprise to me as to anyone.

"The recent story about my going to Hayti is an imaginary yarn and is all nonsense. I received the letter from the Southern association, but that was all there was to it.

"If I have luck I shall finish here at Yale next year, and then I shall have more time to consider propositions of government."

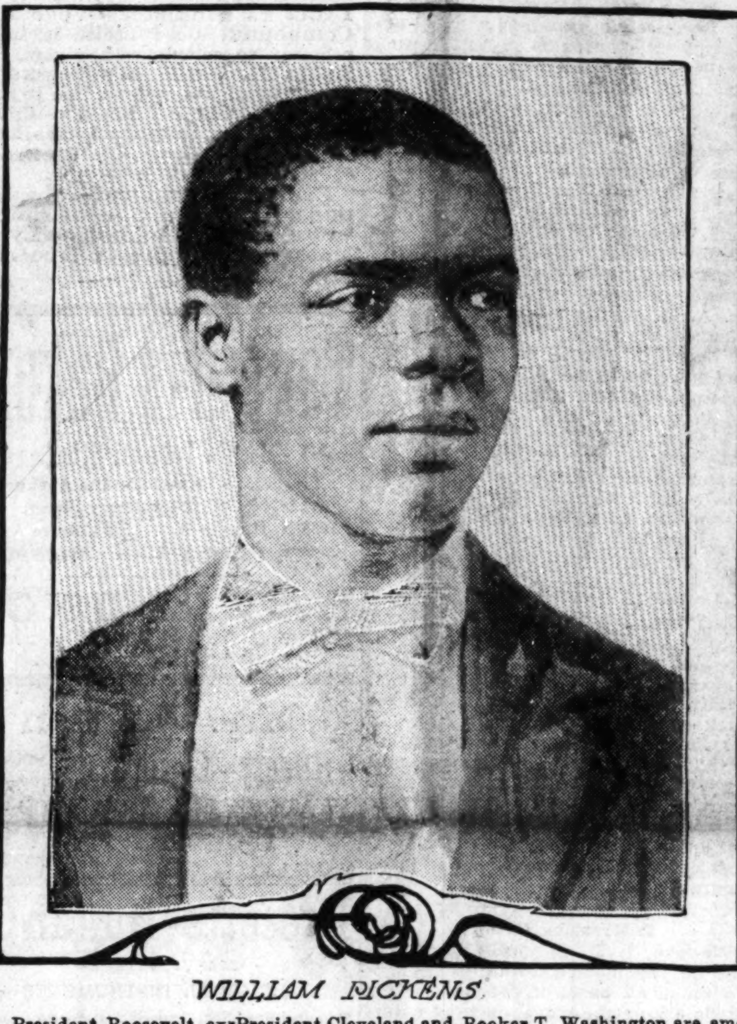
In appearance, Mr. Pickens is of stalwart build, a little above the average in height. He shows considerable muscular development, especially across the shoulders and back. In his conversation he shows the advantages of close application to books.

His proficiency in his studies has been the result to a large extent of close application as well as of natural aptitude. When in the grammar schools he used to learn his history by heart, so that he could recite it page by page. In this way he became familiar with good expression, and he says that this early training has been of great advantage to him. When he finished his history he could begin at the beginning and recite it every word, from cover to cover.

His proficiency in mathematics shows that his ability does not lie in his good memory alone, for since beginning the study of mathematics he has never yet failed on a problem.

In his early high school days, and even before that, he spent all his spare time from the close of school until bedtime studying, never stopping even for his supper. In this his mother aided him, for she would never let him be interrupted. Her death threw him on his own resources, for, while his father did not discourage him in his work, he did not place any confidence in the advantages of an education.

Yale's Prize Colored Orator.



WILLIAM PICKENS

President Roosevelt, ex-President Cleveland and Booker T. Washington are among the distinguished friends of William Pickens, the colored student at Yale who recently won the Ten Eyck oratorical prize at Yale University. These eminent men are closely watching the career of the colored genius and will use their interest in his behalf when he finishes his studies.

Happenings of the Week.

Cairo, Ill., Special.—Bishop Lane, of Jackson, Tenn., was in the city last week, and preached at the A. M. E. Church last Sunday. Sunday was the laying of the cornerstone. There was a neat sum realized. * * Bishop and Mrs. Lane were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Beard, of Thirty-second street. * * Josephine Hill, of 223 Fortieth street, the eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hill, died last week and was buried at Cairo Cemetery. * * Rev. William Grayor, who has been conducting revival services at the Church of the Living God, closed with fifteen additions to the church. Rev. Grayor will return on or about June 28 and open services under canvas. * * The U. B. F. and S. M. T.'s listened to their annual sermon at St. Michael Church last Sunday. A large concourse of friends also attended. * * The Odd Fellows will listen to their annual sermon June 28. * * Geo. Givens made a brief visit to Paducah friends. * * Miss Mattie Ousley has been ill. * * Miss Ella Ousley is in Indianapolis. * * Mrs. Ella Parris is ill. * * John Huggins, of Twenty-ninth street, is ill. * * Pay the agent for your paper. A dead list will appear.

MOUND CITY, ILL., NEWS.

Mound City, Ill., Special.—The public schools closed Thursday. The commencement exercises were held Thursday at the opera house. * * The U. B. of F. and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten turned out in full array and listened to a highly appreciated sermon from Rev. H. C. Burton, Sunday. * * Mr. J. F. Perryman left Monday for the Soldiers' Home at Quincy, Ill. His wife will move there in the fall. * * Four persons were dipped in the quiet waters of the Ohio by Rev. W. A. Hancock, Sunday. * * Rev. H. C. Burton will preach the old soldiers' sermon next Sunday at the Baptist church. * * Miss Flora E. Howard is spending a few days with Miss Emma Moss, at Olmsted, this week. * * Mrs. Caldwell and several of the U. B. of F. and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten, of Beechwood and Future City, were in attendance at the annual sermon Sunday. * * Miss Ada Butler has returned to the city, after a few days' visit with her parents at Olmsted. * * Rev. Mrs. I. Crompton returned to Cairo, after a week's stay with her sister, Mrs. Carr. * * Mr. Thos. Hibbs, of Carbondale, was in the city Sunday. * * A chair factory is to be located here soon and will give employment to a goodly number of our people. * * Dick Higgenbottom is buying timber for the metal-bound factory. * * Last Thursday night Mrs. Glaspey gave one of her usually well-attended entertainments at the Odd Fellows' Hall.

MOUND CITY NEWS.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—Sunday was rally day at the Second Baptist Church, at which time each member was to pay the sum of five dollars to assist in erecting a new brick edifice. * * The fair at the A. M. E. Church closed Friday night of last week. The ladies of the sewing circle realized something near $100, with which they expect to paint the church. * * The infant son of Richard Ladd was buried from the Second Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. * * Mr. Holland and Mr. Staal, of Newcastle, spent Sunday in this city. * * Mrs. Henry White, of East Jackson street, spent Sunday and Monday in Indianapolis, the guest of her daughter, Miss Frances, who is attending school in the city. * * Mr. Henry Tanner, of Richmond, was in this city Sunday, the guest of J. M. Robbins and family. * * Mr. Brayboy, of Kokomo, Ind., was the guest of W. H. Stokes last Wednesday and Thursday. * * Mrs. Dora Ivey is able to be out again, after quite a siege of ill health.

Important News.

Jackson, Mich., Special.—Messrs. Wm. and Ferdanna Henderson, of Ann Arbor, were the guests of Miss Eva Johnson. * * Mr. George Johnson, of Battle Creek, is in the city. * * Mr. and Mrs. Bowser, of Hudson, was the guest of Miss Eva Johnson Sunday. * * Miss Eva Harrison is on the sick list. * * Miss Mabel McDonald was out of the city last week. * * Mr. Chas. Holman, of Pittsburg, Pa., is in the city. * * Any one wishing the Freeman will please call at 216 East Franklin street or at Brown & Johnson's restaurant, 120 Michigan avenue. * * Mr. Wm. Richardson spent Sunday in Ann Arbor. * * Mr. Sam Lewis, of Cleveland, O., was in the city Saturday. * * Miss Sadie Lewis, of Hudson, was the guest of Miss Flossie M. Johnson Sunday.

Personal and News Notes

Houston, Tex., Special.—The porters' picnic was a success. * * Prof. C. S. Simmons, of Washington, Tex., was in our city a few hours, en route to the Sea Wall City. * * The celebration given at the park for the benefit of the visitors was a success. * * Mrs. Payne is seriously ill. * * The Cockie Rifles, under Capt. Roll, are drilling hard and preparing for encampment. * * Mr. C. Clanton, of Brenham, passed through the city, en route to St. Louis. * * The Sea Gull Laundry is doing a nice business. It is owned and operated by colored people. T. C. Lucas is proprietor.

Weekly Items.

Washington, Pa., Special.—Miss Wasler gave an entertainment at the St. Paul A. M. E. Church. The feature of the concert was a mock wedding. Miss Phoebe Stewart, a prominent young lady of Washington, sang an excellent solo.

REV. J. G. ROBINSON

WRITES ON A. M. E. CHURCH AFFAIRS—CARELESSNESS IS THE CHARGE.

DR. H. B. PARKS GETS ANOTHER

Boom--Dr. Rankin of Texas Comes In for a Share of Notice--One Dr. Henderson's Unsophisticated Twelve.

The wise ones of the A. M. E. church are locking horns to gain positions, or to land their friends. I being among the least of them, have been advocating certain measures and reforms, and the election of men who will stand for right, and carry the connection on to greater conquests and grander victories than ever before in her history.

The operations of the missionary department have been laid bare to open gaze, through The Freeman of February 28th, by that fearless champion of the quill, Dr. Jno. M. Henderson; and who is it, that read his letter, that did not both feel and think, great is the hypocricy in the A. M. E. church. Think of thousands of dollars being collected from poor washer women, and toiling half-clad men, in the name of Christian missions, and God's ministers turning it into "a barrel with the bunghole turned toward the office of the secretary!" Shudder! Ah, ye sons of God (?), will this condition of affairs continue, and high dignitaries of the church forever punish those who dare ask that a halt be called?

When we plead heathenism, superstition and ignorance, as the cause for which we beg money—missionary money—must the world understand that the secretary of missions and the inhabitants of his office are heathens, blinded with superstition and ignorance? Yet it is a fact, that not only is the big end of the horn through which our connections money pass, turned toward the office of the secretary of missions—but in other departments like conditions exist.

Take a state where thousands of dollars "dollar money" are collected, and the superannuated preachers who have spent their lives in the ministry, and are furrowed with wrinkles on their brows, their head colored with the silvery thread of many winters, and leaning upon canes and crutches, they go unnoticed and unpaid, yet the discipline claims that much of this money is to go in said direction. The widows and orphans—those of Bishops excepted—get equal to nothing, while the preachers on mission charges, leave the Conference with not enough money to pay their railroad fare home; yet the collections for all purposes increase every year. I do not accuse anybody of stealing, but money in the A. M. E. church is handled mighty careless.

Take that publication department—sales of books, job work, the Recorder and Review publisher; yet, after fifty years, it stands begging and in debt—and the man who opens his mouth about it, is called an "anarchist," etc. The same might be said about the S. S. Union—age only excepted.

Now, there is a great clamor for an increase in salary for the Bishops. They are a noble set of men—and with but few exceptions—noble in their dealings with other men. They get $2,000, and donations from the annual Conferences, besides their name and position make it possible for them to make much money lecturing and preaching—while other preachers of the same church and same gospel, go from one year to another on $200, and even less per year. Where is the consistency? Where is the fair play? Where is the Godly sacrifice? I leave for the public to judge.

Coming to the point of candidates, Dr. Parks stands fair of election to the Bishopric, also Dr. J. M. Connor. They both are men in whom the connection have just cause for feeling proud. Dr. Parks is eloquent, lovable, frank and will make a greater Bishop than that of missionary secretary.

Dr. Conner is a mon who can reach every specie of the Negro race, and will never become tyrannical, or "top heavy." In the event of Dr. Parks' election to the Bishopric, Dr. Jno. M. Henderson's "unsophisticated" twelve brethren scrabling for his place, will scramble just the same, until one of them is elected. No man in our broad connection is better fitted for the position now held by Dr. Parks, than Rev.

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"AXES TO GRIND"

THE MAJORITY OF THE MEN OF THE RACE ACCUSED OF SEEKING FAVOR OF OTHER TACE.

THOSE WHO DARE NOT SPEAK

Against the Powers—A Warning to the Young Who are in Imminent Danger of the Pit Falls.

The majority of the men of our race whose words reach our peole, are men who have axes to grind and who are more or less dependent upon the favor of white people for success in their ambitious schemes. I do not mean to hint, but to directly say that their utterances are largely influenced by considerations of how what they say will be regarded by the white people whose favor they seek. The public utterances of an office holder are practically worthless and entirely untrustworthy. No office holder dares speak against the powers to whom he owes his office and can be candid only to the extent that he does not take issue with anything done by his superiors. It is for this reason that you never find an office holder deadly in earnest in advocacy of a principle, but that you often find them ultra radical in the championship of a policy. They are creatures, often fortunate creatures, but always mere creatures.

This applies to men who hold government offices and to men who seek offices dependent upon the votes of organizations of our own. The former cater to the sentiments and policies of those whose favor they seek and the latter pander to the prejudices and caprices of those whose votes they need. No man who is quite true to his honest convictions stands much chance of preferment in Church or State. The very people for whose interests he sacrifices his ambitions are easily inflamed against him.

Years of experience have convinced me that my conclusion is correct and I warn any young man who wants to attain the end of his ambition not to be fool enough to think that he can do so and still stand out for his own honest convictions, he must bend and bow and shift and turn to suit circumstances and leading persons or he will be snowed under every time. He who would die with a clear conscience must deny himself, take up his cross and walk the pathway of humility and persecution.

Christ finished on a Cross, not a thorne. Paul finished in a dungeon, not a palace. No man rises to the real and true dignity of manhood until he is able to give up everything for the sake of what he honestly believes to be the right and the truth. Men of this type are the only men who make a true success of life. Those who can see and feel this are men of the class who rise above small things and are real servants of God and the Right. With such men, honors and offices and wealth are mere incidents and a clear conscience is the All in All. It is by such standards that I intend to measure the men of whom I will write in articles to follow from now on until 1904.

I expect to get the dogs of war after me and to be torn and bitten, but that will make no difference. I will make no empty assertions, but will confine my words to things that can be backed up anywhere and at any time. I expect to discuss measures, motives and ends rather than persons. Watch the Freeman from now on.

Thosew ho are interested in the advancement of the Negro appear to be directing their attention almost exclusively to his intellectual and manual training, while the foes of the Negro zealously direct their attention to the detection and proclamation of his moral delinquencies.

It has been some years since any voice has been uplifted to decry the intellectual capabilities of the Negro. Indeed, it is the rapid intellectual advancement of the Negro that has caused him to intrude upon so many scenes where he was least expected.

The country need no longer be in doubt as to the capability of the Negro to respond to mental and manual training, and there are none who are left to deny this. But all should remember that God has ordained a ratio between mental culture and moral development that must ever be maintained. It is well to seek intellectual knowledge, but we dare not neglect to care for the moral feelings.

The Negro has splendid opportunities for intellectual culture and for manual training, but he is not so well blessed with opportunity for moral growth.

I do not think that there is any great daily newspaper in this country that would allow me to discuss this phase of the race question in a perfectly candid way. This Christian Nation could not look its sins in the face. No honest preacher could go on in his regular course if he once saw the truth as to our Nation's sin. I will only say this much more: the shape of the skull and the influence of ancestry may have something to do with the natural capacity of an individual, but what that individual becomes does not depend so much upon internal power as it does upon external advantage. Is it Christ-like to allot opportunity according to the color of an individual's skin? Human prejudice may sanction such a course.

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News Gathered.

Columbia, Tenn., Special.—Fire destroyed the houses of Mr. Ellis Hobbs and Mrs. Harriet Thomas on W. Fouth street, Wednesday afternoon the 6th, together with nearly all the contents. For a while it seemed as though the whole block was doomed.* * The entertainment given at Mrs. Dr. J. E. Holfare's Tuseday night, the 6th, was an enjoyable affair. * * Mr. Sampson Brown, after having successfully taught school at Palestine, Lewis county, Tenn, also at Rock Springs, Tenn., has been elected assistant conductor for the coming many county Teachers' Institutes, which will be held in Columbia about June. The Star Musical Club was royally entertained by the College Hill Club. Dr. Jas. T. Gilmore, pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. Church, and Rev. N. H. Shelby, pastor of Glade Street Chapel, made some very interesting addresses, complimenting the College Hill Club for the appreciation shown the Star Club. The luncheon was served in courses. One room and hall were given over to the merry-makers, among whom the preeminent were Hiram Kayne, W. B. C. Wilkins, Jno. Kayne, Will Collins and Engene Pillow. The distinguished guests present were Rev. Jas. T. Gilmore, Rev. W. H. Shelby and wife, formerly of Cincinnati, O.; Lawyer W. H. Hardin, late of Mississippi; Mr. Geo. Anthony, Mrs. Jas. Gholston, of Nashville; Mr. Hiram Kayne, of Dallas, Tex.; and Mrs. Emma Simmon, of Chicago, Ill. Before leaving, solos were sung by various members of the clubs after which all departed for their respective homes. * * The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Dobbins is recovering. * * Nelson Moore has removed to his new home on Pearl street. * * The programs are out announcing the Masonic Strawberry Social May 25. A literary program will also be rendered. The Masonic Lodge, of Cairo, is expected to attend.

Weekly Budget of News.

Springfield, Ill., Special.—Mr. Ollie Berry and Chester Johnson are on the fire department. * * A good number of persons are somewhat surprised at the way things are going politically. * * Mayor Devereux is having the streets cleaned. * * The Leland Hotel is represented better by colored help than any other hotel in the State. The laundry is entirely operated by colored women and satisfaction is given in every particular. * * Mr. Neff, the German head chef, who has been at the front in cullinery department, now employes all colored assistant cooks, carvers, vegetables cooks, etc., and is well pleased with them. * * Mr. Richard Ross, the second head chef, is a man who knows and attends well to his business. All the cafe men are colored. * * Mr. Smith, the headwaiter, is quite a genial young man, and keeps everything in perfect order and decency. * * Mr. A. M. Williams and Louis Baker attended the L. P. D. ceremonies at St. Louis. * * Mr. G. W. Obie, the popular junk man, is full of business all the time, buying and selling. He made the largest shipment a week or two ago since the incipency of his business—about two car loads was the cargo. * * Messrs. Obie and Williams have purchased a nice horse and buggy and can now ride around, too. * * Mr. Obie's new residence on 14th and Jefferson streets will soon be completed and will be quite a nice home. * * Louis Hubbard, colored, shot and killed the village marshal, Hech (white), on Sunday night, May 3d. Mr. Hubbard claims self-defense. Hubbard gave himself up to the officials. * * Mr. Roy Young is doing some good track work. Devereux says, "Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown." * * The musical entertainment and contest given at St. Paul A. M. E. Church last Tuesday evening under the direction of Prof. O. J. Buckner, was quite pleasing and of the high-class order. The management is to be congratulated.

Interesting Items.

Wewoka, I. T., Special.—Newark is still on the move. Buildings are going up in all parts of the town. Our people are on the move, opening enterprises daily. * * Mr. House has opened his hotel on Main street. * * Mr. Hubbard has begun his lumber yard in New Town, also preparing to put in a gin. * * The highland Brick Company is making brick at the new yard. G. W. Barclay is manager. * * J. C. Johnson has opened his new livery and feed stable on Main street, near the depot. * * J. M. Neal is the popular hotel man. * * Mr. G. Pitman and wife made a flying trip to Mekosoka. * * Mrs. M. L. Barclay is on the sick list. * * Mrs. Rosa Howard is visiting her sister on little River. * * Mr. J. D. Reed is prosecutor for the W. L. Club. * * Miss Dora Cabbell gave a supper Saturday night for her class. * * The U. S. Marshal is making it hot for the boys. The way of the transgressor is hard. * * The farmers are all smies—a fine shower. * * Mr. E. C., Jr., is making himself popular indeed. Other young men should do likewise. * * The A. M. E. Sunday School is preparing for children's day. * * The Baptist Sunday School will soon give a concert. * * Rev. J. C. Dumas has returned from Lawton, I. T. * * Johnnie Bowleg returned from Muscogee injured, having been assaulted by some white men. * * Everybody who reads The Freeman are proud of it and speak very complimentary of the same.

News Note.

Jackson, Miss., Spesial.—Miss Pearl Brown managed an excellent concert for the benefit of Pearl street A. M. E. Church and netted $20.00. * * Mrs. M. A. Williams' father is dead. * * Dr. Redwine owns the Capitol City drug store. It is first-class and worthy of your patronage. * * Two colored physicians and three lawyers are among our populace. All enjoy excellent patronage. * * Among our barbers are to be found R. Smith, 12½ Mill, Jones and Pearest. * * T. P. Richie is the baker, while Mrs. Julia Reese, 705 W. Pearl, keeps the boarders. * * Mrs. Alice Halhack had a first-class musical drill for the benefit of the A. M. E. Church, which netted $10.00. Mrs. Halhack is a teacher in the publis schools. * * The Pearl Street A. M. E. Church is a beautiful brick edifice, costing five thousand dollars. Rev. James Harter, A. M., pastor. * * Sunday the 3d, was a high day at Robinson Chapel, A. M. E. Church. Rev. Wm. Singleton, P. E., held the second quarterly conference, receiving his assessment of $18.75. * * Drs. R. A. Gordon, J. A. Parker and G. P. Sharpe were in the city, stopping at the Reese House. They were examined by the State Medical Board, May 12.

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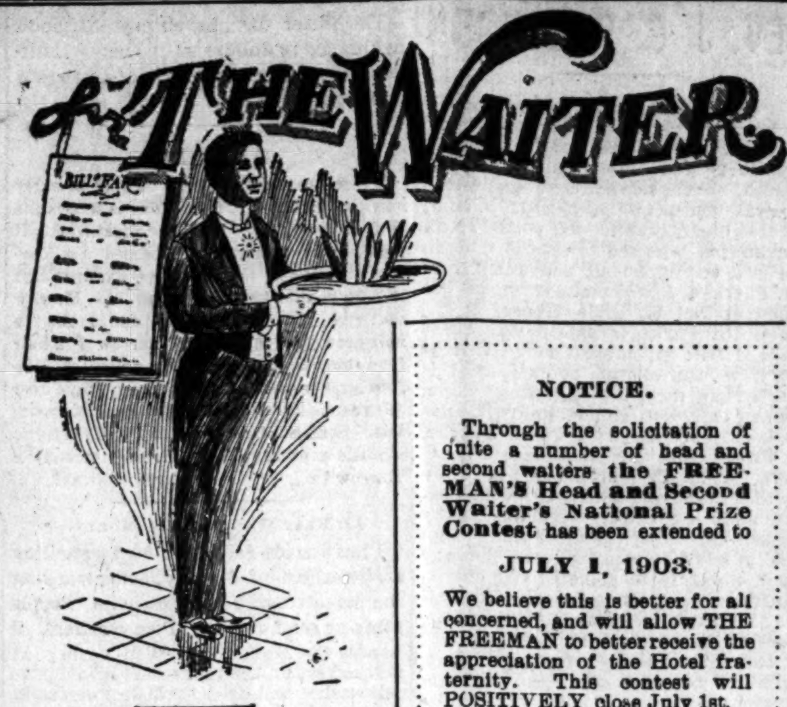


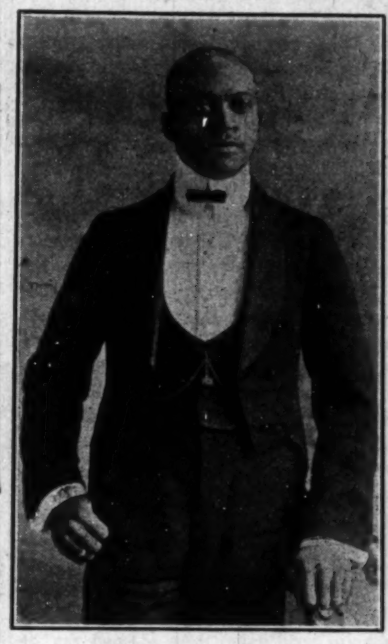
A Lecture by Charles H. Hoyle, Headwaiter West End Hotel, Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

At 11 a. m.—Line up every waiter, looking his best, for it may be general inspection of your uniform.

Gentlemen—It is not my motto to lecture every day, but it has become necessary that I should lecture to you. I have noticed you for the last few days being somewhat careless along the line of giving guests the proper attention. I do but very little lecturing. While I talk to day I shall endeavor to teach all the necessary points pertaining to the best dining room discipline. Then I shall expect you, individually, to perform such duty as may be assigned you to perform. I do not believe in daily, weekly or monthly lectures, but to-day I give you my ideas and peculiarities about dining room discipline, and those that come here to work after to-day shall be forced to fall in line with your obedience and deportment. To be brief when I engaged myself to work for this proprietor I agreed to execute any and all of his orders, and when he employed me he did so with the understanding that I was to do as he said and not as I thought best. Consequently I am his servant and must comply with his orders minutely. Likewise I hold you as this proprietor does me. As long as you perform your duty as a waiter with politeness and obedience you can remain in my employment. In order for me to retain my position I must do as I am instructed or he will find some one who will, and the same may apply to you when you have instructions from me or any of my officers to perform any duty. I expect you to do so without a word, as you shall be told but one time, and it is left to you in order to retain your position. Your refusal will warrant your dismissal. Waiters, as a rule, at this time of the year will congregate themselves together in pool rooms, barrooms, gambling rooms and every other kind of a place that is unfit for a waiter spending their money and singing that old familiar song, "The Sun is Shining on Both Sides of the Street." (I am not bothered yet.) Gentlemen, let that old song be a thing of the past, and get down to business, for the time has come when we must win on our merits. Make a study of your profession as a waiter, and when that has been accomplished you can at a glance see the need of your money for something else that will be some benefit to you in the future. You must remember that the sun does not feed, clothe, pay room rent, laundry bill, doctor bills. You should, as well as others, study the art of saving. Save for the day of sickness, the day of no employment. The day is nearing that waiters will not be in demand as now. You may think me a fit subject for the asylum for this statement. As I look up and down the avenues of every industry I observe the handiwork of the genius inventor. I see in the distant future orders going and coming—not in the old way, but the new way, known only as yet to the one who will be called a genius. Do not understand me to say waiters as a whole will be dismissed. The demand will be limited as time is limited I will omit the service drill, but in the future I will give you a few hints on the service of wines; so, in a case of that kind, I blame the headwaiters and not the sidewaiters. Headwaiters must remember that once they were a starter. I think and believe that it is every headwaiter's duty to give instructions and learn every sidewaiter in his employ how and what step to make in serving wines. I have worked in hotels where I noticed headwaiters stand and watch sidewaiters serve drinks wrong and never instruct them in any way. Gentlemen, it is not every man that holds the position of headwaiter that is a headwaiter, and neither do I think I know it all. I am only giving you my ideas and speaking of things I have seen and experienced. Gentlemen, there are just a few particular points that I am very particular about, which are as follows:

1. Keep yourselves neat and clean.
2. Keep off the walls and chairs.
3. Come quick when signaled.
4. Do not present yourself with the smell of intoxicating liquor on your breath in dining room.
5. Remain at your station and do not talk.
6. In serving cucumbers always pass salt, pepper, vinegar and oil; the same in serving tomatoes, except serve soft sugar.

I ask you to carry out these six points in particular. In regard to guests tipping you I want and would like to see every waiter in this dining room earn as many tips as he can, but let it be understood that I shall not suffer any guest to be misused or have any inattention on account of not tipping you. Talking to guests familiarly, touching them on the shoulders, which might be termed sand-bagging a guest for a tip or commonly called railroading a guest, if such is brought to my attention I shall dismiss you at once. Waiters, as a rule, have many excuses in order to lay off a meal or for being late, most generally the cable car broke down, missed my car, overslept myself this morning, but some come with "my wife was sick, had to remain to give her medicine." Gentlemen, do not lay off unless you notify me. Go home at night and take your rest, and come here in the morning. I shall remind you daily of your bad service, and hope that you will govern yourselves by the remarks. Thank you for your attention. Take your stations.



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SUMMARY.

Name.	Location.	Subscribers.
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Henry Feltenburg	Shreveport, La	29
J. C Logan	Portland, Oregon	21
Benjamin R. Carle	Spokane, Wash	18
John A. Gloster	Wilkesbarre, Pa	25
C. H. Plummer	Uniontown, Pa	20
N. H. Smiley	West Superior, Wis	9
George R. Wilson	DesMoines, Iowa	6
W. Alonzo Locke	Cairo, Ill	4
Noah Chase	Scranton, Pa	3
C. B. Coles	New Haven Conn	2
Robert Granger	Zanesville, Ohio	7
C. Lamar	Brooklyn, N. Y	1
F. P. Thompson	New York City, N. Y	1
Thos. H. Frame	Salt Lake City, Utah	22
F. C. Brown	Charleston, W. Va	6
C. C. Lewis	Louisville, Ky	1
Douglas Miller	DesMoines, Iowa	1
R. S. Kittrell	Denver, Col	2
J. J. Miles	Milwaukee, Wis	2
C. Saunders	St. Paul, Minn	1
Charles W. Dwyer	Minneapolis, Minn	1
C. H. Barton	Bloomington, Ill	4
John Venie	Washington, D. C	1

F. C. Long Resigns His Position as Headwaiter of Gayoso Hotel.

Mr. F. C. Long, who for many years has been one of the foremost headwaiters in the United States, has resigned th management of the Gayoso Hotel dining room, Memphis, Tenn., to accept a similar position in a large northern hotel, the Windermere, Chicago. Mr. Long came to the Gayoso nearly four months ago, not only as the successor of a white headwaiter, but (as he told your correspondent) to succeed where his predecessor had failed. Perhaps, to say the management and patrons are pleased would be sufficient to show that his mission had been accomplished, but, measured by results, yet greater attainments have been achieved. As it was through his untiring efforts to give satisfaction that the Gayoso has been placed in the columns of the "colored headwaiters," for the immediate future at least. To the unitiated this may seem of little consequence, but those who are familiar with the many besetments of the colored headwaiter must consider Mr. Long's success as a long step in demonstrating the capabilities of the colored man when given a fair chance. The coming of Mr. Long to the Gayoso, the leading hotel in the South, created a great interest among hotel men generally, and especially colored waiters in this section of the country, who fully realized the fact that to succeed or fail meant the success or failure of Mr. Long, the colored headwaiter, and not Long, the man. It was an opportunity for the right man to make a favorable and lasting impression for his race. Fortunately it may be well and truthfully said Mr. Long was the "right man in the right place" at the right time, and conditions of the race will be bettered because of his good work. However, climatic and other conditions with which we of the South are thoroughly familiar, have rendered a return to his former home quite desirable by Mrs. Long and himself. On his leave of the South Mr. Long carries with him the high appreciation, deep gratitude and lovable esteem of all the people of this city, white and black, who have the pleasure of knowing him.

W. A. HILL.

Lee Anderson Lampkins, a well-known headwaiter, was married April 30 to Mrs. Madge J. Frame of Chicago at Lett's Hotel, New York City. Mr. Lampkins has seen service at the Eastman, Hot Springs, Ark., and the Inn, Charlevoix, Mich. He is one of the progressive young men of the profession. They will reside in Chicago.

W. H. Johnson, headwaiter at the Stevens House, Lancaster, Pa., is the patentee and manufacturer of the combined tray stand. He is also an instructor in dancing and a leading citizen of that city.

Henry W. L. Lawrence, manager of the new Claypool Hotel (old Bates House), Indianapolis, Ind., which opened its doors last Monday, has appointed John McKinney Stewart as headwaiter of the dining room, American plan.

James A. Roberts is the efficient and esteemed headwaiter at the Oriental, Dallas, Texas.

WALLACE NEWS.

Wallace, Idaho, Special—The spring has made its appearance, with fine weather. * * Elaborate plans are being made to welcome President Roosevelt the 26th inst. * * Mr. James Brown, after being convinced that The Freeman is it, has placed his autograph with the agent for one year. * * Mrs. Retta Blue received news from her daughter, Mrs. Vaughner, in Spokane, informing her of the plans for a handsome residence to be built this summer. * * Mrs. Starling was confined to her bed last week with la grippe. * * Mr. J. B. Mitchell is daily expected home from Battle Creek, where he has been living for a few years. * * Mrs. Sam Jones will entertain visiting friends during the President's visit here. * * Mr. H. T. Owens, our Sunday School superintendent, was presented with a life-size picture of Booker T. Washington, the prominent race leader. * * Mrs. Mitchell and Perkins have corresponded with an Eastern firm in regard to purchasing one of their latest improved delivery wagons for their laundry. * * Miss Amanda Booker and Miss Maggie F. Smith are preparing to leave for the coast. * * The Freeman's local agent is a rustler. He picks up lonely victims as he circles round in the different localities. * * Miss Margueritte Perkins suffered with an abcess in the ear last week.

MUNCIE, IND., ITEMS.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—Mrs. Blandon was buried from the A. M. E. Church, Sunday at 2:30 p. m., Rev. Taylor officiating. * * The Fair at the A. M. E. Church commenced Monday evening, May 11th. The opening was given by the Claffin Jubilee Singers. The Fair continued until Friday. * * Mrs. Ed Rickman, who has been ill for the past three weeks, is able to be about again. * * Mrs. Taylor, wife of Rev. Taylor, is ill at her home in E. Jackson street. * * Miss Upthegrove, of Richmond, Ind., is the guest of her brother in E. Washington street.

FROM UTAH.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Special.—H. H. Voss, of Salt Lake City, and head door-keeper of the Legislature will go to Memphis, Tenn., to visit his mother and will also visit all the large cities of the South. * * Mrs. Fred Hudson, of Red Stone, Colo., is visiting her aunts, Mrs. R. B. Hill and Mrs. G. D. Whipple, of Salt Lake City. * * The Odd Fellows' ball Thursday was one of the grandest of the season. * * Mr. H. A. Amdreus has returned and reports a very enjoyable visit to his home in Wichita, Kans.

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THE GOSPEL—THE SOLUTION.

Rev. H. Herod of this city is coming in for a good snare of praise for his very able address delivered at Greenfield, Ind., last week, before the members of the sixty-fourth annual Missionary Convention of the Churches of Christ of Indiana.

Rev. Herod graduates with this year's class of Butler College. He is noted for his deep insight into questions and his earnest presentation of his contentions. His subject, "The Gospel the Solution of the Race Problem," according to those present, was handled with marked ability—the unanswerable plea for the gospel as a remedy. The chairman of the convention considered the speech one of the greatest he ever heard and calls Rev. Herod the Booker T. Washington of the Christian church. The Butler Collegiate says, "Butler ought certainly to feel proud of Mr. Herod." He was the only colored man in the convention. He says:

"I offer the Gospel of Christ as the sole remedy. Instantly you ask, 'has not the Negro received the gospel?' I answer that the Negro has not even heard the gospel, to say nothing of his receiving it. The Negro has heard all about the flood, the Israelites in Egypt and their journey in the wilderness; he has heard about how David slew Goliath; about Daniel in the lion's den; about the valley of dry bones. He has heard about the bed being too short and the cover too narrow; about death in the pot, Jacob's ladder, and Job's troubles, and Jonah's distressing flight. He has often been to heaven and dressed in a long white robe, with a starry crown upon his head, with palms of victory in his hands, with golden slippers upon his feet, with a golden harp in his hands; has marched through the pearly gates, strutted down the gold paved streets, shook hands with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He has heard about your church and my church. He has heard little about the Gospel. He does not understand Christianity—its breadth of conception, its purposes, its ideal. He does not realize the significance of the virtues of the Christian life, of its sacrifices, its commandments. His religious motives do not spring from the proper source."

Rev. Herod goes on to say, "Give the Negro a pure gospel and his problem will be solved." Then follows his ideas of Christianity which are set forth in eloquent and forcible language.

It is believed that the Christian Negro is very often possessed with what some choose to call religiosity rather than those principles known to have actuated the Christ and which emanated from Him, but we will consider Rev. Herod severe, if he means that the gospel has not been fully presented to him. The Negroes of America to a man, we are justified in saying, know the Christly injunctions, but close observers along that line are forced to confess that the great non-observance of so many of the essentials of Christianity by them is apparently due to ignorance. It is simply stupidity, nor scarcely that for in that there is an element of ignorance; it is criminal neglect or at least criminal indifference.

The simple tenets of the Christ's religion are not misunderstood; they are not wrapped up in mysticism like some of the religions for befuddling the devotees—a child may understand them. The church, the Negro church, has swung away from its 'ancient' moorings as it concerns love and fellowship, and love is the keystone of the arch of Christ. The older Negro churchman was at least devout and sincere, unlettered as he was But in these days the letter killeth the spirit, seemingly, and we find ourselves with a church meaningless and cold, and where God is not, if observation teaches anything. The world, the flesh, the devil in the religious sense are the reigning deities and the certain tendency is towards ungodliness The form is there, the sham, the hollow pretense, the mockery, but the giving of the cup of cold water in His name is not there—strong in weakness, the worldly is getting in its work.

"Give the Negro the Christian ideal," says Rev. Herod. He has it; it is Christ. But the great sense of moral responsibility is lacking. Momentary pleasure is too readily exchanged for everlasting punishment. The Christ is the last resort. He has the ideal, but he does not heed it, nor do we feel that the whites can do more than to assume their end of the burden. They are delinquents in this respect. Their conduct has never been on that broad plane of tolerance, of brotherly love, sympathy and pity for the weak and deluded from the beginning, with exceptions, of course, and now it would appear a thankless job.

We make this statement, which is supported by the intelligent Negro pulpit, that for some cause the young Negro is getting away from Christ, conforming to a composite ideal born out of the things that please. The ministry could do better if preachers preached salvation if but to the few. The few could become zealots in that better sense and, as firebrands in dry stubble, setting the world on fire; it has been done. But defference to the dollar must be paid. O, yes, Brother Herod, they know all right, but do they dare? Never. Deviltry must be compromised often within the precincts of the pulpit, where there should be no unclean thing. Viciousness, plotting, thieving stalks abroad denounced only by the laws when the pulpit should preach, preach and never compromise to be the butt of ridicule for the too knowing pew. If the colored people need peculiar treatment they should get it; it is end and not the means.

Dr. Herod, doctor by anticipation, for he soon graduates, has opened up the flood gate. He may not be applauded for his manly fight, and which is indicative of him, who arraigns the whites for their aloofness as well as the colored people for their seeming denseness.

MR. KEACH IN THE SADDLE.

James L. Keach, after a long and stubborn contest with Thomas Taggart, is now in the saddle as leader of the Democrats of this city. Mr Taggart has led his party for about seventeen years, and for the better part of the time, to victory. His mode of campaigning was new and effective, winning to him men irrespective of party owing to his engaging personality, giving him, as a result, a long lease of active political life. Mr. Taggart was to all intents and purposes a standing candidate from his introduction into politics, notwithstanding the fact that he held good lucrative offices from time to time. His successes simply increased his campaign fervor and his few defeats did not diminish it—to him December was as pleasant as May.

It has been suspected all along that Mr. Taggart was looking forward to the National chairmanship, and, if so, this defeat comes at an inopportune time. But there are those who are of the opinion that Mr. Taggart could have been more active than he was if he had chosen to be. His large hotel interests, it is urged, demand his attention.

The colored voters, the colored people, regardless of party, have great regard for Mr. Taggart. In his campaign tactics he paid considerable attention to them, and as a man charitably disposed he was very much in evidence among them. In that regard he came very near wearing his heart on his sleeve; could be touched. Of course this generosity will be attributed to selfish motives and all that, but the needy have but very little patience with doctrinaires.

Mr. Keach, on whom Mr. Taggart's mantle has descended, will be considered a worthy successor in that he beat Mr. Taggart, that is, provided Mr. Taggart tried very hard to win. It is understood that Mr. Keach, who gained some little fame by his anti-Negro declarations, is simply opposed to the lawless element among the Negroes or any class as any good citizen should be It is to be hoped that he will not see it necessary to attempt to operate a white man's party. There would be no serious objection to such a movement if it in the meanwhile, did not engender racial strife, promote intolerance and other untoward circumstances not conducive to the common weal.

The proposition on the part of some one, supposed to be a colored man, to seize Hayti and establish a government for and by the colored people of the United States is simply talk that has gained too much credit No one thinks seriously of any movement having a general exodus in mind This country is plenty large for law abiding, honorably acting people. Any country will be small for those who feel that the world was made for them alone.

These are dull days when a Sir Taggart is unhorsed. He has broken many a worthy lance, but he has met one lance too many and one more name is added to oblivion —Vale.

Mr. Keach, the new Democratic primate, will have to work industriously to convince the colored people that he cares a rap for them.

Potatoes are king.—Keach.

REV. J. G. ROBINSON

CONCLUDED FROM FIRST PAGE.

J. W. Rankin, D. D., of Texas. Dr. Rankin is well known throughout the church, he has served on several of the general boards, he is a good scholar, an able preacher, and well posted on all the affairs conected with the church. He is a strong friend and admirer of Dr. Parks, and will make a run for the office at No. 61 Bible House, N. Y., when Dr. Parks is safely out of the way. I will say more about Dr. Rankin in a future letter, but will say this much right now, that the other eleven spoken of by Dr. Henderson, will have to keenly reckon with Texas and Dr. Rankin, before the position is filled.

The A. M. E. church has not arisen to the place yet, where it will recognize a clean cut, fair journalism; petty prejudices, selfish motives and truckling in a great measure lead the way when it comes to some of our church papers—notably the Christian Recorder. In order to break this thing up, such a man as Dr.. J. M. Henderson, R. C. Ramson, J. A. Jones of Tennessee, ought to be given the editorial management of our chief organ. The church—or much of it is afraid of Dr. Henderson, because he advocates an "open-door" policy in all the affairs of the church—and just such a writer ought to mould the editorials of the Christian Recorder. The Negro is passing through the most critical period of his existence, and just as we need a vigorous and a less sycophantic secular journalism, so we need the same kind of religious journalism. More anon. J. G. ROBINSON.

Hamburg, Ark.

DALLAS. TEXAS, WEEKLY NEWS

Dallas, Tex., Special.—Ed Malone, the popular mixologist, is with the Yellow Kid Buffet. He asks all friends to call and see him. N. G. Whitehead, the proprietor, is completing arrangements for his Sherman excursion on the 28th and 29th. * * M. J. Stewart, of Bryant, spent several days here on business. * * Mrs. M. J. Nelson has located her husband's relatives in North Carolina, and Miss Ingram found her father, who she has not seen in years. * * Anderson Jones, the colored contractor, is doing a good business. * * The colored hackmen are striving to please Negro patrons. * * The Negroes should for mand perfect a Business Men's League. * * Mr. Henry Wade and Miss M. Ward were happily married last week. * * Mrs. Anna Smith's mother is visiting her this week. * * Quite a number of Dallas citizens visited in New Orleans last week. * * J. H. Anderson has put in a new set of shop stands and mirrors. * * Dr. Hamilton, one of the leading physicians of the city, has recently purchased an up-to-date doctor's Stanhope. When his services are needed ring up Central, No. 3189, three rings, for office, and 1942 for residence, day or night. The Doctor has made some wonderful cures in the city. His services are greatly in demand. Office hours, 10 a. m. to 12 m., and 3 p. m. to 5 p. m. * * The grand opening of Douglass Park, in Fort Worth, May 29, by Jones Rifles, of Dallas, and their band, will take place. There will be several contests for prizes in connection with a sham battle. Capt. R. L. Jones and Lieut. J. L. Jones are managers. * * S. B. Anderson, formerly pastor of the Congregational Church, has taken up evangelistic work. * * You can get an excellent meal at J. C. Valk's Union Depot restaurant. All the market affords, served by excellent service. Ice cream, sherbert, sodas and fruits. * * The hungry are fed at Johnson's Rock Island Restaurant, 108 Central avenue. Ham and eggs, liver, onions and bacon, spring chicken, hot cakes and coffee, iced tea, cold drinks, creams and chocolates at all times. * * A man eighty years old, stone blind for five years, had sight restored by surgical skill. Sounds like a miracle, yet this was done by Dr. Romon, the specialist of eye, ear, nose and throat.

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WANTED—To know the the whereabouts of Tom Smith and Mrs. Mary Norris. When last heard of were in Edgefield county, S. C. It is of importance to Mrs. Della Nelson, wife of Samuel J. Nelson, 459 Young street, Dallas, Tex.

Any one knowing the whereabouts of S. H. Ingram will confer a favor by addressing his daughter at 142 Done street, Dallas, Tex. When last heard from he was in St. Louis.

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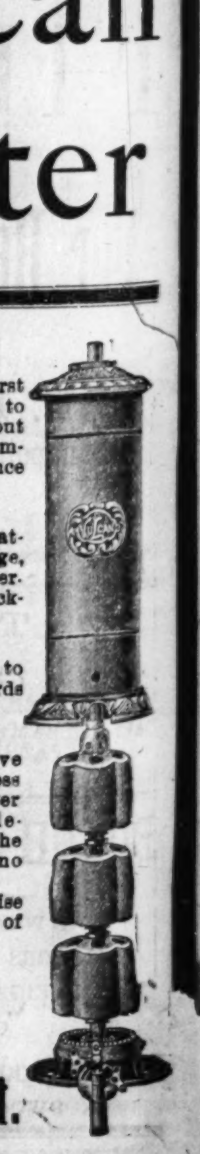

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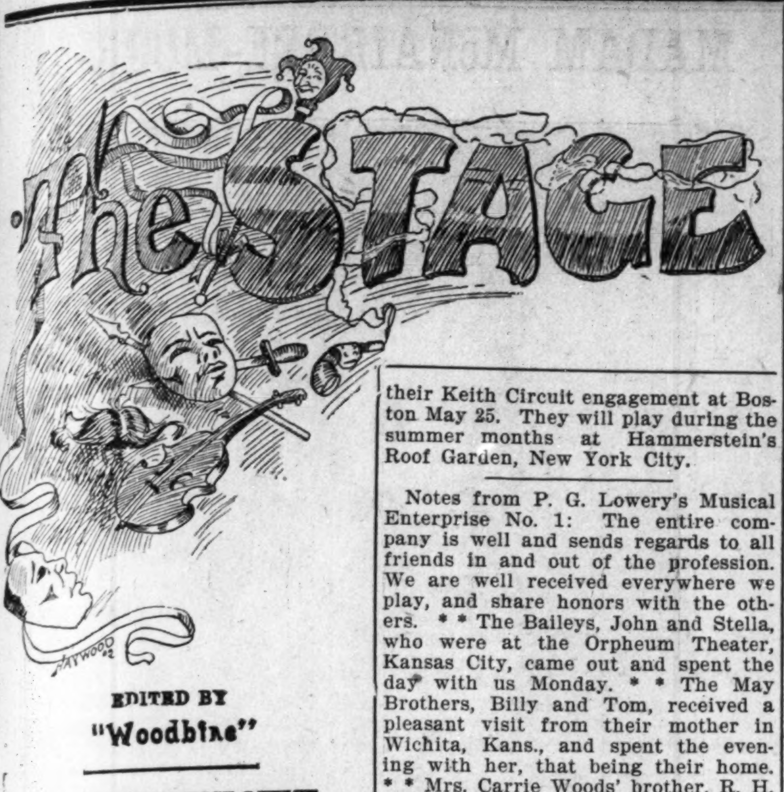

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CULLIGAN & MORGAN'S Minstrels—Great Bend, Kan., May 23; Sterling, 25; Lyons, 26; McPherson, 27.

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS (Voelckel & Nolan) Brooklyn, N. Y., May 25 to 30.

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MALLORY BROS. & BROOKS (Fenberg Stock, Co.)—London, Canada, week of May 25.

The Nightingale Quartette is in Chicago.

Pat Chappell reports big business through Georgia.

Ver Valin-Godman, musical comedians, have dissolved partnership.

The Graham Southern Specialty Company recently stranded at Rutland, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. Marsh Craig left Chicago on the 16th for San Francisco, Cal., where they will spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Kersands, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Marsh Craig, in Chicago, left on the 14th for their home at Donalsonville, La.

Kid Alston sends regards to the Hendersons, Tom Logan, Lawrence Cheanault and Miss Jessie Proctor. * * James Lightfoot, please write to the Freeman.

Frank Clermont desires to thank managers for offers next season, but has already signed to direct the Rusco & Holland forces. He is now at 926 Wyandotte street, Kansas City, Mo.

Le Roy Bland was recently acquitted after a second trial. The contributions from friendly actors and the publicity given out in the Freeman upon his case did him much good. Mr. Russell was soon to make efforts to have him pardoned.

Prof. Henderson Smith, bandmaster, left Chicago several days ago in answer to a telegram announcing the sad death of his mother at Youngstown, O. The remains were interred in the family burial lot at Warren, O., and the funeral was attended by a throng of sorrowing friends. The floral offerings were both many and handsome.

Cole and Johnson (billed as America's Greatest Colored Entertainers), the famous authors of "Under the Bamboo Tree," and many other popular songs, closed an exceedingly successful week's engagement at Keith's New Chestnut Street Theater, Philadelphia, Pa., on the 16th ult. In their usual good style of entertaining they added many fresh laurels to their reputation, and explicitly demonstrated their predominance in favor among the patrons of this magnificent theater. The clean and clever work of these gentlemen stamps them as artists of rare ability, and of whom the race should feel proud. They close their Keith Circuit engagement at Boston May 25. They will play during the summer months at Hammerstein's Roof Garden, New York City.

Notes from P. G. Lowery's Musical Enterprise No. 1: The entire company is well and sends regards to all friends in and out of the profession. We are well received everywhere we play, and share honors with the others. * * The Baileys, John and Stella, who were at the Orpheum Theater, Kansas City, came out and spent the day with us Monday. * * The May Brothers, Billy and Tom, received a pleasant visit from their mother in Wichita, Kans., and spent the evening with her, that being their home. * * Mrs. Carrie Woods' brother, R. H. Denniss, was her guest in Omaha Saturday. * * Mrs. Oma Crosby says to Miss Sadie Citizen, of Chicago: "Your letter just received. Will answer at once."

"The Washingtons," Dan and Minnie, closed a successful season of fifteen weeks with Briggs and Mills' "Way Down South Company" May 2d at Portland, Maine, after touring the principal cities of Canada, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine, and are now resting in Boston, Mass., for three weeks. We are booked for the summer season over J. W. Gorman's park circuit, commencing about the first week in June. I was surprised to learn on my arrival in Boston that it was reported here and in New York that I was dead, but I am glad to say that my wife and I have not been sick—only seasick. Regards to all friends in and out of the profession. Respectfully, "The Washingtons," 32 Anderson street, Boston, Mass.

There have been all sorts of "girls" featured on Broadway in recent years, dashing, slashing and mashing girls, and now the latest we hear of is "The Sweet Girl," who will be given a Broadway presentation next season by Messrs. Schubert. The Witmark Music Library and Agency, which represents Lieber & Arthur, who own the American rights to this musical comedy, say that it will be given an exceptionally clever translation. All the German atmosphere will be preserved, combined with many interpolations of American wit and "go," which, like the dash of absinthe in a cocktail, will give the production just the proper New York taste. Fraulein Mia Werber, the dainty little prima donna, who made an unqualified success in the title role of this comedy as it was produced at the Irving Place Theater, will probably be the feature in the Anglicized production of the piece.

Notes from P. G. Lowery's Enterprise No. 2 Company, with Luella Forepaugh Fish Wild West Shows: We wish to make mention to the colored profession that we are in our fourth week and doing business to packed tents at every performance. Every member is highly respected by the new management, which has never worked colored people before. The feature of the big show is the cake walk headed by Fred D Morton. The couples are William Johnson and Miss Essie Williams, Harry Morton and Sallie Lee, Steve Adams and Daisy Lee, Albert Hull and Leah Saunderson. A prize of $5 is given the winners each week. The roster of the company is as follows: Henry Quallie Clark, superintendent of music in colored department and solo cornet; George Williams, first cornet; J. E. Adams, first alto; Frank Morton, second alto; Harry Morton, first trombone; John Mobley, second trombone; Fred Morton, tuba; Albert Hutt and William John, battery; William Johnson, stage director and general manager.

Notes from L. Cooper, of Culligans and Morgan's Alabama Minstrels: Our second week under tent, and notwithstanding the cold weather, which has been so severe that we were forced to go into the opera house two nights, still we have had nothing but success. The entire company is proud of it, and are seemingly having an enjoyable season. We have turned crowds of people away. J. E. Jackson has been on the sick list for some time, but is now well. Sends regards to all friends, especially his Columbus and St. Louis friends. Our Gun Club, with Chas. R. Parker, president; Kid Lankford, steward; L. Cooper, treasurer; W. A. Dixon, in charge of the dogs, improves daily, and is really the best sport on the car. Frank Clermont closed with T. J. Culligan's Company, May 16th, at Kingman, Kan., and left for Kansas City, Mo. Chas. McCurty, Fred Hammond and George Williams write or wire, Kansas City, Mo., 926 Wyandotte street, 17 to 23 May; 336 27th street, 24 to 29 May; 129 West 27th street, New York city, June 1 to 30. Harry Prampin, write immediately Frank Clermont (as per letter. Houseley Bros. send regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

John W. Dennis writes from the Domino Theater: Prof. Albert Carroll, of New Orleans, La., arrived Saturday and will assume the position of musical director here. * * Mr. Sol D. Hughes conducts one of the cosiest and most popular shaving parlors in the city. * * Miss May Lang, as a soubrette and coon song shouter, has made a hit here. * * John W. Dennis (our John) is a fixture here and seems never to wane in the popularity of our audiences. * * Dr. J. P. Miller has erected a soda fountain in addition to his well appointed drug store—a step highly appreciated by his numerous patrons. * * Williams and De Vine are a clever sketch team, and there should be no reason why they should not prosper. * * Miss Virgie De Or, as a vocalist, is doing nicely and shows improvement. * * Sidney Allen's tonsorial establishment is popular with all. * * Miss Stella Jones, our efficient treasurer, paid Jacksonville friends a visit last week. * * Miss Maggie De Voe is on the sick list. * * Miss Minnie Carroll is making a hit singing the latest songs. * * John Alexander ("props") is indisposed this week. * * Tom Logan is dealing out comic songs and parodies to the delight of all. * * Watch our roster next week. * * Richard Cross, stage manager of the Gem Theater, sends regards to the profession; also Dennis Mitchell, comedian and mimic. John Dennis sends regards to Mrs. Carrie Wood; also Fountain B. Wood.

J. Harry Jackson sends the following from New York City: The Theodore Drury Opera Company gave their fourth annual production of grand opera on the evening of May 10 at the Lexington Opera House, before a large and appreciative audience. The opera presented was "Aida." Besides Mr. Drury, who appeared in the role as "Radames," Miss Estelle Clough, Miss Alfrida Wegner, Ralph Young, Geo. L. Ruffin and Alfred Taylor appeared to good advantage in the roles they essayed. The stage was under the management of Mr. Rudolph Duering, while the orchestra was directed by Prof. Felix Jaeger. The opera was a brilliant success and the audience a most fashionable one. * * Harry Brown, the eccentric singing comedian, made a big hit Sunday night at the Grand Opera House. * * Black Carl, Midget Price, Sam Davis, Chas. White, Allie Brown, Annie Ross and Mamie Emerson returned to the city last week from Washington, D. C., where they closed with the Avery & Hart Repertoire Company. * * Don't forget that you can get the Freeman every Saturday at Slaughter's barber shop, 114 West Thirty-first street. Yearly subscriptions are also received. Subscribe now and have the Freeman sent direct to your residence for one year. The subscription price is only $1.50. * * The Brittons are at Keith's Union Square Theater this week. * * Tom Brown's Octoroons are now rehearsing in earnest, and it is said that Mr. Brown is using every endeavor to surpass all of his previous successes in the East. Among those booked with the above named aggregation are: Bailey and Fletcher, Annie Ross, Mamie Emerson, Siren Navarro, Chas. H. White, Leon Williams, James Brown, Allie Brown, Chas. H. Moore, Wesley and Ida Hill and Tom Brown. * * Larkins & Patterson are at the Circle Music Hall this week. * * Yeager & Yeager's aggregation are still in rehearsal. The show is being put on under the direction of Bob A. Kelley. They open at Hartford, Conn., May 30. * * Rastus & Banks are at the Atlantic Garden this week. * * "The Smart Set," with Ernest Hogan, Billy McClain, Mme. Cordelia, Jerry Mills and Russell Brandon, are booked for a week's engagement at Proctor's Fifty-eighth Street Theater, week commencing May 25. * * Walter Robinson is engaging people for the Flynn summer show. * * The Freeman, on Saturday, at Slaughter's, 114 West Thirty-first street, under the Douglass Club. * * Murphy & Slater have dissolved partnership. Mr. Slater states that he intends to retire from the profession.

P. B. R. Hendrix's theatrical notes from Chicago, Ill.: Henderson Smith was called to Youngstown, Ohio, owing to the death of his mother. We extend to him our heartfelt sympathy. * * Goggin and Davis, who were at the Olympic, last week, are filling an engagement at the Haymarket this week. Both the boys are looking well and seem more clever in their sketch. Will always remains favorites as long as they team together. They sail shortly for a run in London, and visit other points abroad. Our regards to all. * * Earnest Gladden, Alford Strawther, Robt. Williams, Mattie Wylie, Dolly Stewart, Lottie Grey, Mr. and Mrs. Brinker, Sam Moore, —— Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Shelton, closed a very successful winter season with Al. Martin's Uncle Tom's Cabin at the Alhambra Theater. They leave in a few days for the summer season under canvas with the same company. They all send regards to their many friends. * * Mme. Marie Richardson, lately of the "Hottest Coon in Dixie Company," after visiting her relatives here, left for a short visit in Louisville, Ky. * * You can get furnished with all kinds of journalistic matter, if you kindly step in at 2638 State street, and ask William Dixon, of the Aeolian Quartette, formerly of the Blackstone's. * * Prof. N. Clark Smith's lady mandolin and guitar club is meeting with wonderful success and play to large audiences everywhere. We wish them continued success. * * Mr. and Mrs. Al Holman, who are spending a delightful vacation, send regards to all their friends. * * What has become of the "Smart Set Company?" My regards to McClain and Hogan. * * Daddy Love, the entertainer, is getting back to his old feeling. Sends his regards to all his friends. * * Mr. and Mrs. Charles Small, of the Moonshiner's Daughter Company, were here last week; in St. Louis this week. * * All the boys who are in the city are apparently having a good time. * * Frank Clermont, cornetist and arranger, will positively be the band director of the Big Minstrel Band, under the able direction of Messrs. Rusco and Holland. As to his ability I need not mention, for he is an able arranger and a schooled musician. He entered the profession in 1895, playing cornet, both band and orchestra. He will visit Chicago shortly, and will be the guest of Daddy Love for three weeks, then to New York, and return to begin rehearsing for the coming season.

Jas. L. Goodall's Coontown 400 Company, a new idea in the colored show business, is meeting with great success with their new tent theater, making weeks' stands, with band and orchestra and twenty people on the stage. The staff is: J. L. Goodall, proprietor; R. C. Puggsley, advertising agent; L. Levi, general manager; Harry A. Brown, stage manager and play-writer for company; Walter Cornish, stage assistant and master of transportation. The members of the company rank as follows: Harry A. Brown is featured with his repertoire of lightning sketches; Madame Robinson Cornick is the leading soprano singer, and is known as the Second Black Patti, and is encored nightly for her excellent singing. With the company is the Peerless De Rose, the phenomenal male contralto; he is at the head in his line, and he keeps them guessing as to his sex. This is his first colored show. The principal comedians are: Billy Taylor, Lon Stokes and Fred Weaver. This funny trio keeps the people in the audience holding their sides at all times. Fred Weaver is the monologue artist, while Lon Stokes is a challenge buck-and-wing dancer. Billy Taylor is the character comedian, taking the leading lines of our repertoire of plays. Walter Robinson Cornick is the solo bass singer, with an extremely low register. Miss Carrie Holly, singing and dancing soubrette, is warmly welcomed for her rendering of "Nancy Brown," doing a neat sketch in the olio with Billy Taylor. Mrs. Harry Brown, soprano singer, is doing a singing act feature, "Sunny Africa" and "If I But Knew," and singing for the pictures for Harry A. Brown's crayon work. Mr. John Davis is the minor comedian, also leader of the choruses, and is a very clever all-around performer. Helen De Barr, chorus girl and buck dancer, helps to make the company a success with her work. S. Pitts is also a bass singer, good chorus man and stage carpenter. Other members are: Lucy Green, Mary Greizer, William Hart Dow, Mayo and Charles Hunt. The leader of the band is Chas. F. Scott, who is an able leader of much experience, and has made for the show a first-class band. He sends regards to Wm. Johnes, Pop Campbell, Harry Royster and Goff Kennedy. Other members of the band are: Doc Ray, tuba; Will Stevenson, slide trombone; Harry Davis, trap drums; Fred Holly, baritone; James Gibbs, second cornet; John Glover, alto; Thomas Smith, second trombone; Nick Long, bass drum; Joshua Garrison, leader of orchestra. Harry Brown would like to hear from Tom MacIntosh on business.

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Thinking of friends of mine,
There is one whom we all admit
You can never leave behind.
When but a youth he started out
In this world to make his fame,
And in the papers you could read about
The praises given his name.
He began his career upon the stage,
As a singer he made a great hit,
Becoming the phenomenal wonder of his age,
And a composer of song, and wit.
To-day he stands without a peer
As a leader of his race,
And few against him try to steer,
For he'd lead them to a merry pace.
Upon the stage he was known
As the dark prince of comedians everywhere,
And to-day the profession without him would moan,
For such artist, we've none to spare.
He has put together many a show
And many a musical team,
Any instrument plays, any horn can blow,
Can make any audience with laughter scream.
He is, in fact, an all-round man,
One that you don't meet every day,
And on his face a smile he wears,
When things are coming his way.
The World's Fair Commissioners through him sought,
Whilst in their busy whirl,
And through his popularity he brought
The best singers of the world.
Rehearsals daily, he to them did give,
Causing them to meet with success,
And forever his name will always live,
Even after he is laid away to rest.
On the opening day honors he won,
Although many had he won before,
And all during its six months' run
Praises were given him from door to door.
Daily the people about him would ask,
To whom success came from above;
Whom it was undertook this wonderful task,
And the reply was, it's our dear old friend, Daddy Love.
Now to him all credit is due,
For the extent of the profession to-day,
And all our colored performers, too,
Will admit, Daddy paved the way.
So let us, as he grows old,
Unto him show respect,
And when his body in the grave lies cold,
A monument to him erect.
And when his soul leaves this earth,
To soar in the realms above,
With the angels full of joy and mirth,
You'll find dear old Daddy Love.

THE FUTURE OF COMEDY.

—By Sylvester Russell.—

The judgment day, I fear, is coming. If it should happen that Negro comedy fails to draw good houses after next season, then you will know the day of reckoning is near.

If the future of comedy is to be governed by the actors themselves, their efforts will be a hopeless failure. If the playwrights, and especially the botch-workers, do not carefully consider the estimation of any race critic whose knowledge of this branch has gained recognition, as I have said before, they may count upon an unfavorable crisis.

The opinions of people who frequent these comedies are not what actors who are playing the parts dream they are. The valuation of these plays can only be estimated by seeing them from the front view and by hearing the comments of those who are seeing them.

—The Requirements of Stars.—

The problem of a star is not a very desirable question for solution in Negro comedy. In the first place, a star is a hinderance to the success of a play that does not offer him a chance to shine. In such a play, the performance would be better off without him.

On the other hand, any star or pair of stars who smuggles up the supporting talent in favor of themselves, runs the risk of giving the public too much of themselves. This is seemingly true. White people like but very little of one thing in Negro art and every little one thing must be good. In the question of Williams and Walker, which comes up by way of example, these two stars, in order to meet with future qualified success, must use the greatest female artist in their company to mingle in dialogue with them, consequently, Ada Overton Walker must enter into dialogue with both stars at once in comic scenes and singing. The three should even execute a dance dictated by Williams, in which Williams does the comic grotesque and the Walkers do it fancy.

There must be a woman star in the case of their future comedy success. The style of dialogue seen by them in vaudeville, will no longer advance them in comedy longer than five minute scenes. Their only other chance to shine would be in a single-handed song. This is the solution of one important problem of two most important stars.

—The Playwright Problem.—

And now comes the most important question of all—the playwright problem. Bob Cole, for many reasons, can be safely called a Negro comedy playwright. Jesse Shipp has claim to that name, but his record thus far is uncertain. If he has proved to be a dramatist he is not a comic writer. Ernest Hogan and Billy McClain do not claim to be playwrights, but they belong to the botch-workers which also includes Billy Johnson, Bob Kelley, Frank Mallory and others. Paul Laurence Dunbar, who receives so much advertising from the hands of other people, has nothing to say and perhaps good reasons for not saying anything. But the problem must be solved. The class of men best qualified to write plays should soon be discovered among the educated lyric song writers. The men who can write good lyrics for coon songs should prove to be good comedy writers. This fact has already been proved by Bob Cole, chief master of the situation.

Play writing is the hardest kind of literary work, too hard for a lazy man even if he has the qualities to do it.

I do not regard the history of a Zulu or the maneuvers of any of the foreign races to be of any value whatever to a Negro comedy from a literary point of view.

Funny, genuine Negro antic dialogue and commercial situations is the main thing to be desired and the hardest things to obtain. Perhaps this is why the all-important fun-making is getting so scarce.

Granted that good plays can only be obtained from the source which I have just described, managers and stars must be willing to read over plays and a mutual spirit of honorable friendly dealings must exist between these parties.

The conceits of botch-workers, whether they be stars, stage managers or performers, must give way in the event of the advent of a truly discovered playwright. There will be no further advancement in comedy until some one proves to be a real, genuine playwright. Plays by botch-workers can only result in an untold story or the non-classification of a very much mixed up concern. This proof we have already had.

Let the lyric song-writer set sail at once. These men in experience are ahead of the college graduate, but the race lies between both. To one of these two grades of men, the future certainly owes us a playwright.

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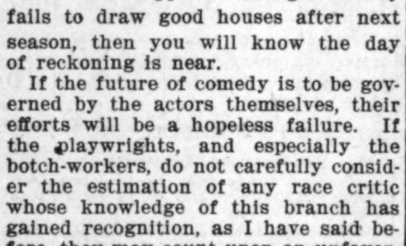

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RIALTO TOPICS.

—Explanatory.—

Before I take up the digression under the caption of "An Illogical Conclusion," I desire to state that I am not a Southern man—adopted or to the manor born—but one who has for years been deeply interested in anything that pertains to my confere of the South in the various walks of life. I made this statement because it perhaps may be construed as emanating from some rabid "Norf" hating Southerner; whereas, it is the observation of a mind fully capable of recognizing existant facts, although they may not be as roseate as one should wish.

—An Illogical Conclusion.—

On topics that affect the Southland theoretically, I broad-mindedly, I find there seems to be a lack of broad-mindedness, and that some writers deprecate the talent and aspiring genius of the Afro-American actors. This attitude can not be productive of amiable feelings between Northern and Southern colored actors when it is a well-known fact that the most brainy, wealthy, and successful Afro-American performers before the American public to-day in New York City are products of the South, and however unpleasant it may be for actors of color north of Mason and Dixon's line to acknowledge the fact, it is none the less true. That Afro-American actors should not emigrate—mark the word—to better their condition is as illogical as to tell a boy in the kindergarten class there is no necessity to learn the alphabet. When the Southern methods in regard to the treatment of Afro-Americans have been revolutionized, it will then be time enough to advocate home rule. With organizations touring the Southland under canvas, whose aggregation of talent evokes enconiums from Negro-hating journals, yet denied admittance to perform in a regular theater controlled by white men, what person of sufficient normal intellectuality would need to confine the Negro's activities in the actorial profession to a caste-ridden, prejudicial section. In the days of the San Francisco Minstrel, Dan Bryant's Opera House, etc., it was not only feasible, but plausible for Negro actors to remain in the South; but with the advent of the "new" generation of managerial regime, the Afro-American actor has no excuse for remaining stationary, except blind indifference and a complacent satisfaction with a precarious livelihood. Immigration contains an element of chimerical utopianism, while emigration is practical, reasonable, and the ends to be attained is a consummation which ought to be devoutly sought for by every progressive actor.

THE SENATOR.

MARSH CRAIG IN GOLD.

The engagement of "Dahomey" at the New York theater was not without one exceptional feature. Marsh Craig, the almost boneless wonder, in his feats of contortionism, added much lustre to the production by appearing with his face enameled in bronze—the golden Craig. This sort of adornment has been known to living pictures in classic stature, but to a moving, breathing in articulo mortis, never.

Craig at first did his act inside of an artificial crocodile, but the devios waywardness and slowness of a heavy and burdensome crocodile proved to be too much for the inner workings of a monstrous outer form. So the crocodile died. After the death of this monster, whose soul had to live forever, the sensation of the heretofore had to be kept up in the hereafter, in a land where gold dust and lizards and strange looking things continued to fill the vacancy caused by its death. I can hardly see clearly to define the situation. The very expression of emphasis is all that we can ask—its all the judgment any one can pass—Marsh Craig in gold or a crocodile's soul in Paradise.

THE GALE OF ALAN DALE.

Alan Dale, the noted critic of the New York American and Evening Journal, who sets all the colored performers crazy whenever they get a notice from his pen, is not only an exception among white critics, but one honest man to be found among them and one who is not prejudiced. A few seasons ago, when Clarence Powell was on the Proctor circuit, he gave Powell such a good notice that Eastern vaudeville managers seem to be too poor to pay Powell a decent price to go over the circuits again, despite the fact that he is the best minstrel monologue comedian of his race. Performers have given me much annoyance about Alan Dale lately. Billy McClain recently conveyed the news of Dale's gale that blew toward the "Smart Set." The news came to me indirectly, of course. McClain addressed me as the black Alan Dale. I have also been called Alan Dale in bronze.

I am neither the black nor the bronze Alan Dale. My true knowledge of negro performances may be a little better than Dales—who knows?—but possibly not quite so expansive. What I choose to say about McClain may weigh heavier in the balance than what Dale says. If Dale could see the scales he might be contented to have himself called the "white" Sylvester Russell.

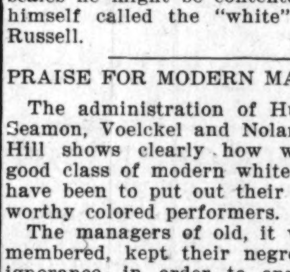
PRAISE FOR MODERN MANAGERS.

The administration of Hurtig and Seamon, Voelckel and Nolan and Gus Hill shows clearly how willingly a good class of modern white managers have been to put out their money on worthy colored performers.

The managers of old, it will be remembered, kept their negro stars in ignorance, in order to enrich themselves. The more ignorant a minstrel star was the better they liked him.

But things have changed now, and the great New York managers will live in our history.

Hurtig and Seamon must be praised for the high tariff they place upon Williams and Walker, and the favorable results which follow. Bob Cole practically managed his own starring tour, and his practical history shows him to be no less qualified than any of the white managers mentioned.



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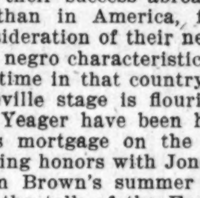

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A REVIEW OF THE STAGE.

—By Sylvester Russell.—

With the closing of the present season it may be said there has been nothing of extraordinary dimensions in any of the new productions that will add to the material welfare or the legitimate stading of future negro comedy.

The "Smart Set" in "Southern Enchantment" played to large and crowded houses in both of their New York engagements. I have repeatedly been told to my face that the billing of this very prominent show differs from the performance. While this show is the funniest negro performance on record, I insistantly argue that its future success will depend upon its legitimate bearing. Nothing short of this will I dare to support.

New enterprises which were unsuccessful in establishing a precedent were Avery and Hart in "Sons of Ham," Lankins and Patterson in "A Trip to the Jungles" and the condolence that falls to Walter Smart. Avery and Hart will soon have to seek another act, as nothing but an original one will tend, at least, to broaden the art of Mr. Hart.

Williams and Walker and their company are by this time in Europe. I predict that their success abroad will be greater than in America, for a time, in consideration of their newness of American negro characteristics seen for the first time in that country.

The vaudeville stage is flourishing. Yeager and Yeager have been having a few weeks mortgage on the Keith circuit, dividing honors with Jones and Sutton. Tom Brown's summer Troubadours are the talk of the East and everybody seems to be expecting him this summer.

Stage talk is a very particular thing. The Moxleys should cut out their old stuff and add more to the new, and Kid Frazier had better find something funny to talk about quick, even so he is, positively, a great little dancer. I shall continue to crusade the vaudevillians.

Notes from a Rabbit's Foot Co.—This has been a banner week for us. We turned them away at every place except Unadilla, Ga., and we had the tent well filled at this place at advance prices. Our success this season has been greater than we ever anticipated. Every one is well and happy and several members are wearing diamonds. Mr. Chappelle's rubber-tire Pana buggy is talked of every place. It is an original design and helps wonderfully to make the parade novel and up to date. Good, sober musicians who can stand good treatment can always find a place here. Regards to Geo. W. Quine and the Allen aggregation.

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A Voice from Virginia.

Mr. Editor—I am very desirous that you will allow me just a short space in your valuable paper, which we so highly appreciate and is so eagerly sought for by all here, to say just a word in the interest of our work and for the cause of humanity.

Although being a very hard school year, every effort has been put forth to make it a most successful one. Never before have we met with greater success. We are glad that we are a people who are not ashamed to work.

At the Temperance, Industrial and Collegiate Institute, of which Prof. John J. Smallwood is president, the Negro is taught to be moral, industrious and, above all, religious. Prof. Smallwood is indeed a worthy leader. As a leader he stands first; as an educator he is unexcelled. This humble institution, of which he is the founder, we, as associates, are proud that he has the honor of being the head.

The Temperance, Industrial and Collegiate Institute, situated at Claremont, Va., on the historical "Old James," not far from "Old Jamestown," though very humble, is a very worthy institution, where godliness and cleanliness are taught, and all that help to uplift humanity. Although the Negro at the South is being greatly oppressed he has every advantage for education. The progress that has been made since the days of slavery shows that the Negro is capable of establishing his own colleges and schools for the education of his own race. Give the Negro a chance and he will prove what he can do. They are worthy of being more than servants.

The faculty wishes to express their gratitude to the people through your most excellent paper for the manner in which our president was entertained while in your city. After an absence of six weeks he was gladly received by both students and teachers upon his return home.

In these closing days of our school year President Smallwood and his helpers are very busy preparing for the eleventh annual commencement, which takes place May 31st and June 3d. We hope to make this the greatest commencement in the history of the institution. Hon. Samuel M. Jones, Toledo, Ohio, Hon. Judson W. Lyons, registrar U. S. Treasury, Mrs. Nannie H. Gentry of Chicago, Ill., and several other prominent men and women of both races will speak here. We would be glad to have you come and see what we are doing along educational and religious lines in a very humble way.

After having struggled on for ten years we realize that the institution is gradually coming to the front. Plans for substantial improvements have been made in all the departments. We again thank you and all of your friends for the kindly manner in which our president was treated, and hope some day to have you and some of your people visit us. We are now planning to erect a large hall for our young ladies, to establish our sewing room and dressmaking department upon a larger scale. The farming is carried on in a very scientific scale, and the president himself is daily seen with overalls on in the field either with the plow, the hoe or the rake. Washing, ironing, cooking, practical house cleaning, race pride and common sense are daily taught with the Latin, Greek, science and higher English as we may find the pupil deserving and possessing the ability to accomplish the higher classics. The pupils here are taught so obey Negro, well made laws and to honor Negro superiority and Negro proficiency. We hope soon to be able to send you some names for your subscription list. I am yours for the elevation of humanity.

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SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

The Rogerana of Fisk University has just published a roll of Alumni, which is interesting in that it gives the class year, vocation and residence.

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Commencement exercises at Samuel Houston College of Austin, Texas, were held May 14-20. Commencement oration by M. C. B. Mason, D. D., of Cincinnati, Ohio. President R. S. Lovingood presented the diplomas.

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Among the speakers for the commencement exercises of the Temperance Industrial and Collegiate Institute of Claremont, Va., May 31st to June 2d, are Hon. Samuel M. Jones of Toledo, Ohio, Hon. Judson W. Lyons, Mrs Nannie H. Gentry of Chicago, Prof John J. Smallwood.

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The closing exercises of Morris Brown College, which are to be held May 27th to June 3d, 1903, will be as follows: Wednesday, May 27, class day exercises, under graduates, 3 p. m.; graduates, 8 p. m. Thursday, May 28th, 8:45 a. m.; 3 p. m., oral examinations; 8 p. m., anniversary alumni association. Friday, May 29th, 8:45 a. m., 3 p. m., oral examinations; 8 p. m., address before literary societies by Rev. Wm. D. Johnson, D. D. Saturday, May 30th, 8 p. m. president's reception. Sunday, May 31st, 11 a. m., baccalaureate sermon by Bishop W. B. Derrick, D. D; 3 p. m., annual sermon by Rev. R. R. Wright, A. M., D. D. Monday, June 1st, 8 p. m., annual lecture by Bishop J. A. Handy, D. D. Tuesday, June 2d, meeting of trustees; 8 p. m., annual address by Prof. H. T. Kealing. Wednesday, June 3d, 10 a. m., commencement.

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The doctors of color of Memphis, Tenn., have organized a medical association.

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George W. Conrad of Richmond, Ind., has recently become noted by reason of his appointment as assistant train claim agent of the Pennsylvania railroad lines west of Pittsburg. Mr. Conrad is the only man of color known to hold a position of such importance and distinction in the United States.

William E. Scott, who will graduate from the Manual Training High School, Indianapolis, Ind., is the only colored member of the track team. Recently he went with the team to Bloomington, Ind., to engage in the Inter-State Scholastic meet. Mr. Scott is the first and only colored person to take the place as assistant teacher in Manual Training high school.

Mangus L. Robinson of Virginia is working to equip the William McKinley Industrial School of Alexandria, Va. He bears the highest testimonials of the usefulness of his industrial work from the leading citizens of both races of his native city and neighboring city of Washington, D. C., among which are the officials and business men. He is working on the lines which the industrial leader, Booker T. Washington, advocates, and is a member of the Negro Business League, of which Mr. Washington is president.

Ohio is the great natural gas field of America, and one of the greatest coal fields. It is predicted that in a very few years natural gas will be used exclusively by the four millions of people of that State as a fuel, and the coal product shipped to other States that have no natural gas supply. A large portion of the State already uses natural gas as a fuel. The Wilgers Oil and Gas Company of Columbus, Ohio, owned and controlled by colored men can well rest on its oars, having a big gasser on its Milligan tract. Rather than make a contract now for the entire output of its well, the company can hold off till fall and winter, when the consumption is many times more than during the summer months, and command a far greater price for its gas. At present prices even the revenue would be very large. All the stock in this company is held by colored men, being the greatest industrial enterprise ever projected by colored men.

Large employers of labor in Mexico are watching with a great deal of interest the results of the importation of one hundred Negroes who were taken to that country from the United States a few weeks ago to work on the plantations along the line of the Vera Cruz and Pacific railroads. The Negroes were persuaded to go to that country by a representative of their race named McKelvin, who came down here sometime ago, was employed on one of the large plantations of the South. McKelvin returned to his home in Alabama, had large circulars printed telling the Negroes all about Mexico and the great opportunities it offered to poor Negroes who wanted to work in a country where they could enjoy unlimited opportunities. The inducement was strongly held out to the Negroes that there would be no "white trash" to lord over them, and they would be perfectly free and independent. They were promised $1.50 per day, and were assured that the sum in silver would go as far as like sum in the United States. With these assurances, about one hundred of them agreed to come with McKelvin. So far the Negroes who are at work on the plantations have been well satisfied and have satisfied the plantation operators, and those who are short of laborers, including several railroad contractors, who are now trying to arrange with McKelvin to bring more of his people there from the United States. McKelvin states that he will be able to bring a million of them into that country if they are needed. Hopeful ones among the large labor employes of the country see in this move a solution of their troubles in securing laborers who are both able and willing to work.

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CITY AND SOCIETY BRIEFS.

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Miss Ella Ousley of Cairo, Ill., is in the city.

Miss Fannie Richie leaves soon for a month's stay in Chicago.

Prof. J. D. Walton of Franklin, Ind., was in the city last Saturday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mitchell of Portland, Ore., are the guests of relatives here.

Mrs. Ed Thomas of Marion, Ind., has accepted a position with Mrs. Knight as milliner.

Dr. Joseph H. Ward was recently initiated into the mysteries of Odd Fellowship.

Mrs. Henry White of Muncie, Ind., was the guest of friends here Sunday and Monday.

Walter Vanpelt stopped in the city, last week, while en route from Chicago to West Baden.

Messrs. J. Coward and C. A. Gates of Louisville, are in the city with a view to locating.

Mrs. John Easton was called to Louisville to attend the funeral of her cousin, Benj Washington.

Leonard Edwards and Mallory K. McCauley of Louisville visited The Freeman sanctum Monday.

Mrs. Nancy Robinson of Greensburg, Ky., is stopping for a few days with Mrs. Charles A. Webb.

Mr. J. C. Knox new headwaiter of English hotel went to Talladege, Ala., to attend the funeral of his sister.

Mr. Warren Smith has returned to his home in Chicago after a visit to his sister, Lizzie Waters, in W. Pratt street.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Rickmon and Miss Mary Thompson of Covington, Ind., were guests of J. W. Evans and sister, Miss Etta.

Miss Lavetta Cain of Columbus, O. will arrive in the city Sunday and be the guest of Mrs. Tennie Robinson, 1307 N. Sheffield avenue.

Rev. J. William Luckett is in the city. A ten days' meeting is in progress at Zion A. M. E. church in which Rev. Luckett will assist.

Miss Jessie Williams formerly of this city now of Chicago was in the city Sunday the guests of her mother, Mrs. Landonia Williams and Miss Clara Easton.

John McPherson died Saturday after a lingering and painful illness at 440 W. michigan street. The funeral services was held Monday at Bethel church. He leaves a widow and son.

Messrs. C. H. Hunter and P. W. Corley, Misses Tennie Robinson, Fannie Richie and Mrs. William Henderson will go to Cincinnati on the 31st to meet Mrs. Lavetta Cain of Columbus, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Sneed will celebrate their fifth anniversary at their residence, 724 N. West street, Saturday evening, May 30th, from 6 to 11 o'clock. Friends are cordially invited. No cards will be issued.

John L. Geiger announces a recital by Frank F. Brown June 6th at Shellsmidts Studio. The Program will be interesting to music lovers, embracing several master pieces and ballads and one selection in Italian.

The Western Star Literary Society of St. Paul Baptist church was addressed at its last meeting by Mr. Ray Smith. The fair at this church begins on the 26th, closing the 29th. The pastor's reception will be given the 29th.

Prof. O. J. Buckner has returned to the city in company with Mr. Chas Chatman, of Springfield, Ill. Prof. Buckner is a young man of great musical ability and desires to meet his friends and musicians of the city. He is stoping at Mrs. Proffit 409 Muskingham street.

Messrs. T. L. Baquet, New Orleans, La., Maj R. R. Jackson, Chicago, Ill. Charles A. Scott, St. Louis, Mo., and W. S. Smith, Savannah, Ga., were in the city this week attending the Eighth Annual A. F. of M. Convention. These gentlemen constitute the number of colored delegates.

The K. P. band entertained Fred. W. Simpson at his home, 231 W. 12th street, last Thursday evening. Mr. Simpson is a member of Rusco & Holland's minstrels. He leaves in a few days for Chicago, where he will rehearse for a few days prior to going to North Beach Park in Michigan.

The rally at Barnes' Chapel last Sunday was a decided success. The pastor, Rev. Prentice, preached at 3 p. m., and the large congregation enjoyed a shower of blessing. Mesdames Price and Prentice were foremost in making the rally a success. Thirty dollars and ten cents were raised in collections. Messrs. Jones and Knox worked around the collection tables.

Corinthian Baptist church, corner Spring and North streets, Rev. J. Franklin Walker pastor. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday-school at 9:30 a. m. B. Y. P. U. 7 p. m. Wednesday. Prayer meeting Thursday night. Teachers' meeting Thursday night from 7 to 8 p. m. To-morrow at 10:45 the theme will be "A Wheel in a Wheel." Baptizing on the first Sunday in June at 10:45 a. m.

Mr. Grant Price, a highly respected citizen of Washington, D. C., formerly a resident of Greenfield, Ind., died in Southern California recently. His remains were brought to this city and appropriate services were held at the residence of his sister Mrs. Ed. Brokaw afterward they were interred at Greenfield. Mr. Price was a life long friend of the Publisher of The Freeman and he and family join with the bereaved family in the hours of their sorrow.

The Literary and Historic Association of the A. M. E. church will meet at Bethel church June 10th, 11th and 12th. On the 12th will occur the celebration of Bishop Grant's thirty years in the ministry. Thursday evening was the May-pole drill by young ladies and Friday Dr. Fletden gave an interesting lecture on Mt. Pelee. Friday evening Mr. Finn's club gave a musical entertainment under the direction of W. D. Collins. To-morrow is rally day. Dr. J. A. Carrey, pastor of Quinn Chapel in Chicago, will preach Sunday morning and evening. Dr. Joshua Stanfield of the Meridian Street M. E. church will preach at 3 p. m., the occasion being the grand rally.

To-morrow afternoon St. Phillips Episcopal Mission will observe its second anniversary, and the following special services will be held, commencing promptly at 4 o'clock: Processional, 394; evening song; hymn, 450; reports of lay readers, W. H. Fielding and Julius R. Cox; report of church committee and treasurer, A. H. Henderson; solo, F. Fowler Brown; report of Ladies' Guild, Mrs. Gertrude Cox; report of superintendent of Sunday-school, Augustus McFarland; report of Brotherhood St. Andrew, A. H. Henderson; solo, Mrs. Fannie Lanier; remarks, Judge T. L. Sullivan; Beethoven Quartette in selection; remarks, Hon. Aquilla Jones; solo, Mrs. Ora Dunlop; address by the rector, Rev. Lewis Brown, Ph.D.; offortorium solo, Mrs. Lucretia Knox; recessional, 408. Friends are invited.

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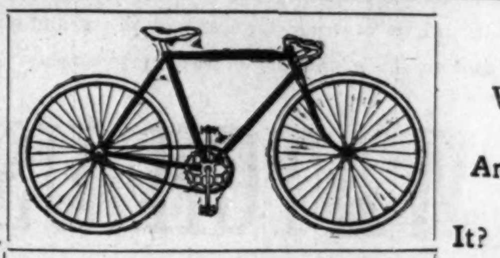

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